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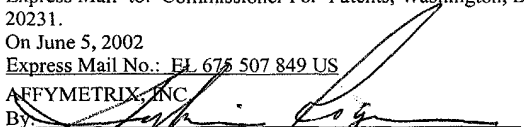
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Applicants respectfully petitions for a 3-month extension of time within which to respond to the December 5, 2001 outstanding Office Action, such extension allowing the undersigned until June 5, 2002 to respond.

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